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Box cost trips now available at SJC

by Amy Bohnney

SJC is offering two trips, one for each semester. The Student Union Board is sponsoring a trip to Washington, D.C., and Phil Posey, chairman of the department of history/political science, is in charge of a study tour of the Soviet Union.

The sightseeing Washington, D.C., trip will be from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3. Faculty, staff, students and the public, on a first-come, first-served basis, are invited to travel. Space is limited. The fee is \$150 and will cover transportation by chartered buses, lodging and one breakfast and one lunch.

Some of the sites to be visited will be the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives, the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, Mt. Vernon Estates, Ford's Theatre or the White House and the Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Vietnam memorials.

Upon registering for the trip, a \$75 deposit must be paid. The remaining \$75 must be paid at the meeting for tour participants Oct. 21.

For additional information, contact Katie Semersheim, student activities director, at 866-6142.

The tour of the Soviet Union will begin May 27, 1992, and will last until June 9. The cost is \$2875 and will cover international travel, internal travel, all lodging (first class hotels), all meals and one overnight train trip. A \$250 deposit is due by Oct. 23.

Visits to Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev and Novgorod are included in the tour.

For those interested, academic credit is available through this trip.

For more information, contact Posey at 866-6237.

According to Vice-President for Student Affairs William Maniscalco, the trips offer educational opportunities at a very reasonable rate.

Proposed bill would restore student aid cuts

by Amy Reynolds

(CPS) It's an age-old complaint among college students stuck in the middle-their parents make just enough money to disqualify them for financial aid, but they need financial help.

Many students, parents and educators say they are tired of a system that favors the rich and the poor and leaves out those in-between. Now, the problems of middle-income families struggling to educate their children have caught the attention of legislators and administrators.

Some colleges have come up with innovative programs to help students caught in the middle-

class money squeeze.

On Sept. 26 the United States Students association, a student lobbying group, convinced the House Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education that middle-income families need help.

In the draft authorizing the Higher Education Act, USSA had an impact on several changes made. One of the most dramatic was the establishment of Pell Grants as an entitlement under which every eligible student can receive grant assistance.

The Higher Education Act is reviewed every five years, and the Pell Grant's maximum

amount is recommended in advance to the Appropriations Committee.

As an entitlement, the Higher Education Committee would take the current discretionary function away from the Appropriations Committee.

For example, if \$5 million were the funding recommendation, \$5 million would be what the Appropriations committee would have to authorize rather than using that figure as a ceiling.

Other USSA changes in the draft included:

Increasing authorized funding for the Supplemental Edu-

cational Opportunity Grant program (from \$499 million to \$600 million), the State Student Incentive Grant program (from \$85 million to \$125 million) and the College Work-Study program (from \$650 million to \$900 million).

Excluding home, farm and business equities from the government's need analysis of families.

Reducing the portion of a dependent student's income expected to go to college expenses from 70 percent to 50 percent.

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SJC to host annual Parents' Weekend celebration

by Audra Bailey

Parents are promised three fun-filled days with their favorite children on October 18-20, as Parents' Weekend kicks off another year.

The events begin on Friday with regularly scheduled classes open to parents. At 4 p.m., in the Downard Lounge, there is a business meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parents' Council. This is open to all parents who are interested in getting involved with the Council, which works on various projects such as Parents' Weekend during the year. After dinner, entertainment can be found in the auditorium through the play, "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

Saturday activities start off at 9:00 when the College Bookstore opens for power shoppers wanting to show SJC spirit.

From 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. parents may register in the Halleck Lobby; registration moves to the Brat Tent from noon to 2 p.m.

The Alpha Lambda Delta Induction takes place at 10 a.m. in the Halleck Ballroom.

Concurrent sessions led by faculty and administrators are scheduled from 11:00 to noon and 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. These

will include an introduction to campus career planning and placement services and a slide show on the history of SJC.

From noon to 4:00 p.m. WPUM will broadcast from the Brat Tent and roving artist Frank Birdsall will offer his talents through his drawings.

The Pumas take on Ashland University at 1:30 p.m. in football action at Alumni Field.

Saturday evening mass is in the chapel at 5:00.

Core XI will be open from 5 to 7 p.m., and then again from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Halleck Center provides a dinner, by reservation only, at 6 p.m. with live musical entertainment from harpist Jill Pitz. "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" acts as an after-dinner dessert at 8:00 in the auditorium.

On Sunday, October 20, the chorus performs in the chapel at 10:30 before the 11 a.m. mass. From 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. the College Bookstore will again be open to pick up SJC souvenirs. Brunch at 11:15-12:45 p.m. will be available to all those who have worked up an appetite from the eventful weekend.

Detailed schedules of the weekend's activities will be available at the registration locations.

Campus recycling efforts lacking

by Nina Chokshi

Saint Joseph's College does not have an organized recycling program on campus. However, several efforts have been made in the past to contribute to the recycling process.

The Office of Facilities and Planning collected telephone books, newspapers, paper and cardboard for a short time on campus. However, they recently discontinued this process.

Tony Baltes, assistant to the vice president for Facilities and Planning, said, "The telephone book covers were not recyclable, which meant we had to separate the covers, remove the staples and glue and separate the pages. We collected these products but we didn't have any use for them. There was no recycling market for cardboard in Rensselaer or close to this area. We also discontinued collecting and storing these products in the plant because these were a fire hazard."

"Saint Joe would like to support the recycling process in the nation even if it means losing a few dollars," Baltes added. "However, there are no recycling markets in Rensselaer or in the surrounding towns."

Vicki Kosowsky, the assistant vice president for Student Affairs, provided her personal

opinion about recycling at Saint Joe. She said the College does not have an organized program or policy for recycling. However, she has suggested that the Student Association consider starting a recycling program. "I think that a recycling program would be a terrific idea for the S.A. to develop. This might inspire the town of Rensselaer to start their own recycling program."

Jenny Herman, president of the Student Association, provided several comments about the issue. "The individual dorms have been responsible for collecting aluminum cans and containers in previous years. This process has not been very successful because the campus lacks an organized recycling program. It is up to the individual dorms and floors to collect the cans, transport them to the collection center and collect the money. Several of the dorms have discontinued this practice because of lack of interest, property damage and an increase in bugs."

Similarly, the Computer Center has also attempted to recycle used computer paper.

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"The Coat With A College Degree"
--Montage by Jonathan Michiels

Faith of our Fathers

A faculty commentary

by Charles Kerlin

As my Catholic friends know, I sometimes like to harangue and harrumph about Catholicism, especially when Catholics refer to their church as THE CHURCH. I was brought up a Presbyterian and this designation has always seemed a might too exclusive to me. I also confess a ton of Ignorance about Catholic liturgy and, since it was done in Latin when I was a kid (and impressionable) by guys in medieval robes, I had concluded that Catholics were a bit too much. Join the real world and all that.

At Maria Kueper's funeral in Carmel, Indiana, last week I got some of my beliefs challenged. The service was held in a beautiful modern church. The music played on guitar was sung in English and it seemed modern, too. The priest who did the eulogy for Maria obviously knew and loved her as so many did here. The grief was as intense in that place as I've ever felt it.

Maria's parents had to be helped into the church. They were suffering her loss intensely and all of us there shared in

their feelings. When the mass was over, however, they left the church, filling out past us and they left the church singing! We called that kind of celebration of faith "the faith of our fathers" where I grew up.

The next time you hear me railing out against the Pope's latest gaffe in Latin America or complaining about the Bishop of New York threatening another politician to get in line with his views on this or that, remind me of Mr. and Mrs. Kueper leaving their daughter's funeral singing.

Editorial

Every discipline taught at Saint Joseph's College has its inherent differences to others. However, each discipline shares the responsibility for educating students on the ethical standards involved in that particular area. These standards are crucial as the basis of a good and just Christian society.

Perhaps our own Congress of the United States should return to these basics. Their actions, as revealed by the Savings and Loan Crisis, the Check Bouncing Crisis and the recent public humiliation of Clarence Thomas, bring to light the atrocious reality...that our Congress is a body of rulers who refuse to conduct their affairs with an eye for decency and ethics. The masturbatory, self-serving Congress has made a laughingstock of

all that it, as an institution, ideally stands for.

Is this behavior the nature of the beast? Or do we, as voters, perpetuate this nonsensical approach to government? Do we, as voters, serve as enablers for the abuse of power and political follies?

Each of us does have the power to change the way we are governed. We can choose candidates who have demonstrated, in their entire life, a desire to be ethical. Most importantly, though, we can all be more critical on election day. It is time to brush off the dirt that has tarnished this once proud nation. We can, as a collective populous, bring infidelity to justice and ethics to its knees.

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Alcohol awareness week stresses sobriety, responsibility

by Jon Nowlin and CPS

The traditional view of college as being a place of overindulgence in alcoholic beverages has, in recent years, been countered by a growing trend toward alcohol awareness.

This new trend is evident on college campuses across the nation during the 1991 National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 13-20. The week is highlighted by school-sponsored activities geared toward education and fun in an alcohol-free environment.

Alcohol awareness seems to reflect a more health-conscious student population. A recent Roper survey showed that more

than half of all students (53%) consider alcohol abuse a major problem on campus.

A University of Florida study claims that fewer students are drinking now than they were ten years ago. The study showed that while 89% of all students drank in 1981, the number has decreased to 80% in 1991.

While the number of student drinkers is decreasing, the amount of money spent by college students on alcohol is increasing. College students spend about \$4.2 billion on alcohol each year.

While alcohol use on campus may be decreasing, the incidence of chemical dependency

has remained consistent. Experts say that no fewer than one in ten drinking students will develop a chemical or psychological dependency on alcohol. Even when alcohol doesn't lead to a chemical dependency, the effects it may have on academic performance, relationships, property damage and accidents is something that campuses are forced to deal with constantly. Lately, there has also been a heightened awareness of the role that alcohol plays in campus violence and sexual assaults. The majority of campus violence and incidents of sexual assault are alcohol related.

Another offspring of irrespon-

sible alcohol use is the high incidence of alcohol as being a factor in traffic fatalities among college students. Roughly 33% of college age drivers killed in automobile crashes were intoxicated.

While many of the activities of the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week are geared toward discouraging alcohol use of any kind, a theme to the whole week is responsibility.

Students are made aware of alternatives to drinking. However, they are also educated to drink responsibly. Designated drivers, leaving keys with the host of parties, and the theme "know when to say when" place

the responsibility for drinking with the drinker.

Saint Joseph's College has, in the past, provided special events to coincide with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Last year, a "mocktail" party was held in Core 11. It featured "near-beer" and a non-alcoholic mixed drink contest. However, this year no special events have been planned or publicized.

The college does have several resources available to assist students with alcohol problems. The Counseling Services office can provide help in counseling or referral to outside counselors who are trained to evaluate and assist with alcohol problems.



Students lauded for outstanding sales presentations

by Jon Nowlin

Three Saint Joseph's College business students were honored recently for their exceptional sales presentations in their Sales Management class.

Lisa Baciu, Candace Hoover and Kelly Lynch participated in an assignment where they chose a product and attempted to sell it to a potential buyer. Each delivered exemplary sales presentations.

The activity was aimed at helping students identify the potential sources of information on sales prospects, develop and prepare a good sales presentation, and gain hands-on experience by role playing a sales presentation.

The Outstanding sales Pres-

entation Award was based on the following criteria: delivery of the presentation, the content of the presentation to support the claims on the product, proof of the claims on the product/service, and the effort put into the entire project and presentation.

The presentations were videotaped and evaluated by fellow classmates, the presenter herself, and the instructor.

The award winners each received a certificate from the National Center for Experiential Sales Training, an organization that conducts seminars and training sessions in business.

Since the awards were provided by the nationally recognized center, the students may use the award on their resumes.

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However, Bruce Mathew, director of the Computer Center, reports that they lost money on the project: The gas to transport the paper cost more than the money received for the used paper. The paper is still being collected but is not recycled.

The lack of accessible recycling drop-off centers has deterred many of the campus' residences from recycling paper, glass, aluminum and other products. The physical plant drove its recyclable paper to a Lafayette location because nothing closer existed.

"Recycling is getting to be a

joke," said Niles Cooper, owner of Rensselaer Iron & Metal, a company that has been recycling paper and cans since 1983 and paper since 1986. "The government's telling you to recycle, and then they take it from you for nothing. And I can't recycle if I can't make money."

Cooper reported that he will accept paper from Saint Joe, but he says he can't pay for it. He'll take clean newspaper and office paper that is tied or in brown grocery bags or small cardboard boxes. He'll pay for aluminum, tin and steel cans. He'll pay for glass if it's sorted by color, clean, with the caps removed, and he's quick to point out that he's the only person in the northern part of Indiana still buying glass. He

won't pay for plastic products.

When he was asked about the environmental issues surrounding recycling, he was quick to respond. "It's the government's fault," he said. If they would spend money to encourage research and development into ways to make recycling rewarding for everyone, instead of on marketing campaigns directed to citizen recyclers, perhaps the recycling market would pick up.

"I don't think people want to spend the time or money it takes to transport these recyclable products," one student commented. "Many people believe that time and money are more valuable than preserving the environment."

Aid...

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Eliminating the double-counting of students' savings.

Although the bill is only in draft stages, USSA is confident the changes will remain for the bill's final passage.

In a prepared statement, USSA president Tajel Shah says "Students have seen their educational access increasingly threatened by the erosion of grant programs and USSA is organizing to reverse this trend."

Colleges and universities across the country are doing their part as well.

Beginning in the 1992-93 school year, Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, is offering one of the most generous aid packages on record for middle-income students and their families. Antioch offers Middle Income Assistance Program loans at zero interest. If the loan recipi-

ent graduates, the loan is forgiven. Students can receive a maximum of \$7,000 each year.

"This is the only forgivable loan program in the country for middle-income families," says Jim Mann, Antioch public relations counsel. "A number of people are doing other things like forgiving half of the loan... but I think the others pale in comparison."

Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., established its Parent Aid Loan Program about eight years ago, offering low-interest, partially forgivable loans to middle income students.

Hartwick's loan program offers students a maximum of \$2,000 a year during their freshman and sophomore years. If two-thirds of the loan is repaid within six months of graduation, the remaining one-third is forgiven.



Puma snackers say a mouthful

mpmph!!mpmph!!! umm umm good!

by Lisa Baciu

Chi Chi's corn chips and chunky salsa, cheesy French fries, deep dish pizza, warm and gooey chocolate chips.... These mouth-watering treats cannot be found at the Saint Joe cafeteria, but most students figure these types of food into their daily diets. Whether it is a midnight snack or afternoon munchies, students test their taste buds on a variety of different foods.

"I always have change on hand so I can run downstairs [Justin] and grab a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup from the vending machine ... or when I'm really hungry, I run over to the snack bar for a chicken sandwich," explained junior Denise Dohr.

While some students take

advantage of the easy-access vending machine and snack bar "goodies," others display control over their eating habits by counting calories or watching the fat content.

"Whenever we're hungry at about 10 at night or 3 in the afternoon, we snack on handfuls of dry cereal like Golden Grahams or Apple Cinnamon Cheerios which have only about 1 or 2 grams of fat," said sophomore Bob Sheridan.

This health food fanatic personality oftentimes loses the will power to eat right and gives way to hungry eyes or a growling stomach.

Junior Michelle Heck described this quick change in attitude. "Usually we're pretty careful about what we consume,

but late at night my roommates and I are known to binge on any food in sight. Our favorites are graham crackers with chocolate frosting or a quickly delivered pizza from Pizza King," she said.

Too much snacking can lead to problems, though, as many freshmen are warned about the dreaded "Freshmen 15"—the gaining of 15 pounds in the first year of college.

"Last year, I didn't the time. Now, I watch everything and mostly eat fruits and vegetables," said sophomore Kim Patch.

As afternoon rolls around or the late night studying sets in, Saint Joe students make time for the fifth major food group—snacks—and dig into a steaming hot bag of microwave popcorn, a handful of double stuffed Oreos, honey-roasted peanuts...



Lynn Allyn Young

Grill warriors Bill Hayes and Jennifer Putt display just some of the temptations offered at the snack bar.

Saint Joe is a zoo!

by Brian Boston

According to the *Puma Guide*, animals are prohibited in residence halls, to help maintain healthy living environments. What would Bill Maniscalco, vice president for student affairs, do if he knew that pets were in dorm rooms?

(Since pets are prohibited in campus dorms, all names will be kept confidential.)

Many SJC students have pets. Most of them agree that pets are good for many things and that they are especially good for their owners' mental health.

"My pet cheers me up when I'm having a bad day or just don't feel good," one pet owner said. "When I'm sad my pet

cuddles with me and it's like having a friend to lean on."

Another pet owner said she paid \$275 for her champion-bred miniature dachshund. She said it cuddles with her at night and helps her fall asleep.

Many pet owners also agree that pets teach responsibility, because they are totally dependent on their owners. Some pets even require certain grooming.

Kittens seem to be the favorite choice for pet owners, although pets range from kittens, guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets and mice to rats and dogs. One pet owner reports that she has a 3-month-old Persian cat, all black except for a spot of white

under its chin and on its unusually large paws.

When asked which pet would probably be the hardest to take care of, many agreed that it would be a dog. Barking would be the biggest problem and would alert maintenance to the dog's presence.

An owner of a guinea pig told of a scary moment when she thought she was going to get caught with her pet. The guinea pig ran out into the hallway and into an open room, startling the neighbors who then began to scream. The owner quickly ran in to calm them down. It wasn't a huge rat, she explained to them, but just a friendly guinea pig

who was curious to find out what was "out there."

"I was scared. I thought they might tell on me at first," the owner said, "but they found out that it was actually fun to play with."

In the event that officials suspect that a pet is in a residence hall, specific actions will be taken, according to Maniscalco.

Initially, a member of Campus Life will contact the owner and make arrangements to visit the room where the alleged pet is being kept. Upon discovery of the pet, the representative will explain to the its owner that SJC is merely enforcing state laws

and the College's own regulations that protect students from allergies and animals with diseases. The owner will then be given adequate time to remove the pet from the residence hall. In particular circumstances, the pet will be given a "foster home" in Rensselaer until other arrangements can be made. The owner will be disciplined only if the room has to be fumigated for the protection of other residents, in which case the owner must pay for the cost of fumigating.

"No other disciplinary actions would be taken against the student," says Maniscalco, "because the only potential problem of owning a pet is the health hazards."

Special programs help students plan careers

by Merrill Ruggaber

When writing term papers, gathering the correct information and putting it in the right order is essential to writing a successful paper. When getting ready to look for a job, putting together the right information about yourself, in the right order, is essential to getting a job in which you will be successful.

Throughout this semester,

the Office of Career Planning and Placement will be sponsoring workshops and programs designed to help students prepare for their job search. "All programs are open to all students, regardless of their major and class standing," said Marcia Burdine, the office's director.

Workshops are designed to help students learn resume preparation, cover letter writing

and interviewing skills. They have been designed in three-hour time blocks so students can attend them at a convenient time.

In addition to the workshops, there will be two evening panel presentations that will use SJC alumni and will allow time for question and answer periods.

The first program, "Careers in Business," is scheduled for

Wednesday, November 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Halleck Ballroom.

"Careers in the Sciences" will meet on Thursday, December 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., also in the Ballroom.

The alumni will represent a variety of graduating classes to help students see the progress of their chosen careers over time.

"We wanted someone who's

been in the field for a long time and can say what things they would have done differently. The student audience can get to see the different stages," Burdine said.

All students are encouraged to attend the workshops and evening programs at some time this semester. Times and dates for the workshops are posted throughout the campus.



Video games provide fun, distractions

by Mark Ciesielski

The bases are loaded, there's two gone, and the count is full in the bottom of the ninth. You step up to the plate and await the pitch ... but wait! Time-out is called, because you have to finish your homework.

This is a common scene on campus as the arcade video game systems of Nintendo and Sega take over the free time of Saint Joseph's students. Come to find out, it takes more than just free time. It begins to control a person's whole day.

"Video games definitely take me away from my homework and any free time I have," said freshman Nate Mossavi, who plays Sega three to five hours a day. "The more I play the more hooked I get and it forces me to hurry through my homework so I can get back to playing."

Senior Ron Briscoe says he plays Nintendo a couple hours a day, but he doesn't let it get to the point where he can't do his homework.

"Nintendo doesn't detract me from my homework at all. I'd find something else to do even if I wasn't playing Nintendo," said Briscoe. "I always do my homework late at night so I don't find it to be a problem."

Most video game players would agree that the reason they play is for the competition, mainly in the sports-related

games.

"It's really fun to compete with the other guys in the dorm," said Briscoe. "We get a kick out of it."

"Mossavi agreed. "The competition between people in our dorm is fierce. That's why it's so fun."

The video game systems seem to be getting better and better

along with the graphics, sound and the control they give the player. Sega boasts a 16-bit, high-definition graphics system that Mossavi says "blows Nintendo away."

"The graphics are unreal in Sega. It feels like you're watching an actual game," he said. "The whole style of play is better than Nintendo. It's just amazing

what they can do with arcade games these days."

Briscoe thinks that sports simulation games are the most popular, again because of the competitiveness of the games.

"In our room we like RBI 2 [baseball] because it's so realistic. It's got all the players from every team and all their stats," said Briscoe. "It's definitely the

biggest game around."

Although Mossavi loves to play his Sega system, he thinks that video games are detrimental to him and anyone who plays them.

"You just can't stop playing it! Once you start playing you totally lose track of time," said Mossavi. "I even know people who skip classes just to play and that shouldn't happen."

Briscoe, on the other hand, finds Nintendo is a way to relax and to get the worries of the day off his mind.

"It's a great tension reliever," he said. "You just sit down and play a few games in between classes and it really takes your mind off things for awhile."

Go into just about any of the men's dorms and you will find a game of Nintendo or Sega going on. But what about the girls? Why don't they take part in this video game craze?

"It probably has something to do with the male macho thing and how guys always want to win," said freshman Liz Jameson. "Girls don't want to play the football or baseball games. They're just not appealing to us."

So whether it's Sega or Nintendo that people will play, the fact is they will continue to play, and at any cost. With all homework aside, the video game craze is here to stay.



Gallagher Hall residents (l to r) Kirk Sullivan, Fred VanKlaveren, Luke Lengerich and Len Sawosko enjoy a game of Nintendo.



Sweetest Day: A less-celebrated holiday

by Annette Carter

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" Shakespeare tends to stir up notions of romance and love. Romance and love are usually thought about on the very memorable Valentine's Day, but what about Sweetest Day?

Five different people on the SJC campus were asked what they thought Sweetest Day meant. The responses were as follows:

"Is that a play?"

"What are you talking about?"

"I never heard of Sweetest Day."

"I'm only concerned with

graduating."

"I don't have a girlfriend so it doesn't matter."

The actual date of Sweetest Day is the third Saturday in October, and it must mean something to someone, because Kim Patch, the sophomore class president, said that close to 150 flowers were ordered earlier this month in a Sweetest Day fundraising project for the sophomore class; they will be delivered on campus the Friday before Sweetest Day.

The challenge was to find at least one couple that knew of Sweetest Day and could express their expectations of each other on this day. DeLea Johnson and

Herb Baldwin were such a pair: They have been dating for two years, and they are deeply in love. Sweetest Day to them is a pre-Valentine's Day reminder of how much they love each other. DeLea is expecting a big kiss and a card, while Herb is expecting a romantic night together.

How did Sweetest Day begin? It was established in the 1920s by a Cleveland candy company employee who wanted to bring happiness to shut-ins, orphans and people often forgotten. It is considered a day to make someone happy. It's not just a day for spouses and lovers, it is a time to make someone—anyone happy.

Seniors:
Sign up for
senior pictures--
October 21-25
outside the
cafeteria.
Watch your mail
for more details.



Shorts

Dunkel rating system places Lady Pumas second in state

by Jason Beres

Saint Joe's women's basketball team owns the second highest power rating in Indiana collegiate basketball with a 55.7 mark, according to the Dunkel Research Service of Orland Beach, Fla.

In Indiana, only the Purdue Boilermakers (68.2) ranked higher than the Pumas. Other top-rated teams were Indiana (53.5), Notre Dame (51.5) and Tri-State (48.6).

Ratings are based on each school's win-loss record and the strength of its schedule. Saint Joe is a member of the tough Great Lakes Valley Conference, and posted a 21-7 record over the 1990-91 campaign.

The Pumas are ranked 75 out of 1165 teams nationally, and 16th among NCAA Division II schools.

Papandrea named tennis captain

by Jason Beres

Ann Papandrea, a senior marketing major from Benton Harbor, Mich., is this year's captain for the Puma women's varsity tennis team. She is SJC's regular starter at number four singles and a member of the number two doubles squad.

Papandrea has earned two letters, and Coach John Barrientos terms her "a fine team leader by example and by performance both on and off the tennis court."

Distance runners brave elements

by Ryan Keen

Wind and rain limited the performances of the men's and women's cross country teams at Southwest Michigan's Roadrunner Invitational on Friday, October 5.

Despite the weather, the ladies placed three runners in the top 25. Freshman Tracy Matuga led the way with her seventh-place finish, while freshman Lisa Perez placed ninth and junior Maureen Goeddeke placed 23rd to help keep the team in the middle of the pack.

The rain let up for the men's race, but it left a wet, muddy course for them to run on. Junior Tim Gorrell finished 19th to lead the men's team to a sixth-place finish out of a 12-team field. Following Gorrell were freshmen teammates Herb Dresbaugh (24) and Craig Fee (37).

"Considering the conditions, I think both teams ran well today," said head coach Bill Massoels. "They showed a great deal of mental toughness by overcoming the bad weather."

Last Friday the teams traveled to Naperville, Illinois, for the Illinois Benedictine Invitational. Both teams placed in the top five at this meet. It was mainly freshmen setting the pace for the women's team, who placed fifth out of the 13 teams. They were led once again by freshman Tracy Matuga, who placed fifth. Other top runners for the team were freshmen Lisa Perez (sixth) and Laura McCarthy (37).

For the men it was junior Tim Gorrell who led the team with his sixth-place finish. Freshmen Herb Dresbaugh (14) and Craig Fee (27) also helped the team to a fourth-place finish out of the 14-team field.

"Both teams have run two excellent meets in a row," said

Massoels. "We have some big meets in the near future and if we keep running like we have been, we should do pretty well at them."

The ladies boosted their record to 42-26-1 and the men, for the first time in six years, broke .500 with a record of 31-30. Next

Friday Massoels and his teams will travel to Indiana University for the Indiana Intercollegiate meet and the following week they will make an appearance in Louisville, Kentucky, when Belarmine University will play host for the Great Lakes Valley Conference championships.



Lynn Allyn Young

The 1991 Saint Joseph's College men's cross country team goes as follows: Rear (l to r): Ryan Keen, Pete Bradley, Tim Gorrell, Herb Dresbaugh, Chris Fultz, Robert Downen, Jon Benson. Front: Paul Miller, Chris Fitzgerald, Craig Fee, Todd Troxel. The Pumas are coached by Bill Massoels, a 1988 alumnus of Saint Joe, who is in his second year of coaching men's and women's cross country.

Volleyball team headed for Florida

by Tonya Nickerson

The highlight of the SJC volleyball season is the tournament at the University of Tampa on the 18th and 19th of October. Other teams in the tournament are Gannon University (Pennsylvania), Barry University (Florida), Florida Atlantic, University of Tampa and Florida Southern. The University of Tampa and Florida Southern are ranked in the top 20.

Then Saturday, the team is going to relax and enjoy the sun at Clearwater Beach before they have to head back to Collegeville.

The team's record is 3-14 and in conference they are ranked 23rd. They lost to Purdue-Calumet on the 7th (15-2,

12-15, 15-17, 11-15). Playing well against USI on the 11th, they lost once again (15-13, 15-12, 5-15, 9-15, 15-7). On the 12th, playing at Kentucky Wesleyan, they again played well, but once again came up short, losing 9-15, 12-15, 5-15.

The women play at St. Xavier on the 23rd, Fort Wayne at SJC on the 25th and Ashland at SJC on the 26th.

Jenny Herman, Sue Cesek, Lisa Baciu and Anne Komisinski lead the team in hitting, spiking and serves.

The keys to winning are staying together and playing as a team. Coach Deno believes that the team needs a killer instinct to win the third game.

Women's tennis nets half of conference title

by Jason Beres

The Saint Joe women's tennis club concluded regular season play with a 5-3 victory over the University of Chicago at home Oct. 10, boosting their season mark to 11-2 as they moved into GLVC tournament play. The Pumas tied for the conference title to close out their victorious and successful season.

According to Coach John Barrientos, the women had to sharpen their game in order to make a good showing in the tournament. "Some of our players will have to raise the level of their games to help us."

The women were successful and deserve a round of congratulations for their effort in reaching their goals for the 1991 season.



Men's soccer winning with new lineup

by Jason Beres

Yesterday, the Pumas hosted eighteenth-ranked Lewis University, a team which was tied for first in the GLVC before the Pumas upset them, beating them soundly, 3-0.

Shawn Hurst started the scoring in the opening period on a header from forward Mike Van Zwieten. Glen Johnson scored the next goal, and the Pumas coasted into halftime leading 2-0. The Pumas controlled the scoring for the remainder of the game. Dax Hughes' goal was icing on the cake for Saint Joe.

The victory improves the Pumas' overall record to 4-11-3, but the story goes back to the Pumas' last game at Northern Kentucky. After the first half of play, the Pumas trailed their opponent, 3-1, the lone score coming on a Mike Van Zwieten header, off of a deflected shot which ricocheted to him from the goalpost. Van Zwieten, since moving to the forward position from fullback, has scored four times to lead the Pumas in that category.

Coach Mike Minielli decided to try something drastic to shake up the team in hopes of some positive results. He got much more than he bargained for, as the Pumas rallied to tie the game on goals by Shawn Hurst (3 goals), who moved to halfback, and Ken Benich. The Pumas unfortunately were defeated, 4-3, in overtime.

The quick results have been encouraging to the Pumas, who are just beginning to come into their own late in the season, increasing their offensive output drastically with six goals in the last two contests.

"The new lineup has been working really well for us because it makes our offense stronger and defense stronger," said sophomore John Holton, who has been moved from halfback to fullback in the shift. Other changes round out the starting lineup so it reads as follows: **FORWARDS**—Ken Benich, Mike Van Zwieten (former fullback), and Dax Hughes (former fb); **HALFBACKS**—Shawn Hurst (former forward), Mark Gerard, Kevin Mazzani; **FULLBACKS**—Andy Crouch (former forward), Mike Malaski

(former halfback), Chris Scott (former hb), and Holton. Darren Kull still remains the starting goalkeeper.

Holton also commented that "in the starting lineup, there are no senior starters, so we'll all be together next year."

The Pumas in recent play defeated Rose-Hulman at home on Oct. 10, 1-0, and lost to Belarmine 0-2, though the Pumas outshot them, 21-4.

Another boost to the offense will be the return of freshman forward A.J. Monroe, who dressed yesterday for the first

time after coming off of a knee injury.

Team confidence is on the rise after the recent success. Shawn Hurst stated, "After our last few performances, our team feels like it has a legitimate shot at winning the conference tournament. We're also looking forward to having a good time down in Florida and winning the tournament."

The Pumas' next game will be at 4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 23, vs. St. Xavier. Coize on out and support the Pumas as they play their final home contest.



Shawn Hembree

Shawn Hurst (foreground, in white) wards off a Lewis defender and scores on a header. Hurst, a sophomore halfback, scored the opening goal in yesterday's 3-0 upset of conference rival, 18th-ranked Lewis.

Schedule

October/November

18 Volleyball at University of Tampa Tournament

Women's Soccer at Boca Raton

19 Football vs. Ashland, 1:30 p.m.

Cross Country at Great Lakes Valley Conference

Volleyball at University of Tampa Tournament

20 Women's Soccer at Barry

22 Women's Soccer at Wheaton

23 Volleyball at St. Xavier

Men's Soccer vs. St. Xavier, 4 pm

25 Volleyball vs. IP-FW, 7 pm

Men's Soccer at Florida Southern Tournament

28 Women's Soccer at Rockford

29 Volleyball at IUPUI

31 Women's Soccer at Tri-State

1 Volleyball vs. Kentucky State, 7 pm

Pumas reward vengeance in first victory

by Jon Nowlin

Saturday, October 5, was grudge match day. Last season, the Valparaiso Crusaders humiliated the Pumas by defeating them for their only victory of the season. Valpo was celebrating its homecoming game in front of 3,464 fans thirsting for a repeat performance. Yes, oh yes, it was payback time.

For three terse quarters, it began to look as if the Crusaders might appease the ravenous crowd—the score was 10-0 halfway through the third quarter. Then Valpo stepped into the Puma zone...

Stopped on downs at the Puma 32, Valpo relinquished control to Saint Joe. Senior Vince Purichia, in the first varsity game of his SJC career, quickly went to work. The result was a ten-play, 59-yard series that culminated in a Russ Thoma-

son 27-yard boot through the uprights. It should be mentioned that the field goal was set up by Purichia's beautiful 34-yard pass-and-go toss to Harry Vinegar. The Pumas entered the fourth with points on the board.

With 11:30 to play in the battle, the Pumas faced a fourth and eight situation at the Valpo 45. Jason Miskus, sharing duty underneath with Purichia, dropped deep in the pocket and snap-punted the ball to the Valpo 2-yard line.

Valpo never recovered firm field position again and was forced to punt into a stiff breeze, which Jim Compliment returned to the 24. The next play saw Purichia sacked for an eight-yard deficit, but momentum was not lost. On the next play, Purichia fused with Vinegar at the 20. Vinegar broke three tackles and

waltzed into the endzone to score.

With the score 10-9, the Pumas tried for a two-point conversion. The pass failed, but Valpo jumped the gun and was penalized. Take two saw the Pumas play it safe with a point after kick that evened the score.

Now it was the defensive unit's turn to shine. In just three plays after the kick-off, Saint Joe forced another Crusader punt. 10 plays later, Thomason once again christened the wickets. The Pumas held their ground and won the game 13-10.

Game standouts included, obviously, the varsity debut of Vince Purichia, with a pass/rush of 140 yards. Harry Vinegar combined for 64 all-purpose yards, highlighted by his dramatic touchdown reception. Another important standout is

the defensive unit, collectively. They held the line when it was crucial and opened up the fourth quarter for a Puma scoring bonanza. Honorable mention goes to the coaching staff for some smart play-calling.

The Pumas had a slow start this year, but the heart and soul with which they played Valpo made even the biggest skeptic wonder...Hey, I thought I heard a Puma growling!





Columbian Players present new comedy

by Ange Boos

"Soo... either Helga from Stuttgart or Hilda from Strauslund, while seeking her sister in a snowstorm in a swanky secluded section of Chappaqua, is hacked by a homicidal halfwit who thinks Hilda or Helga is Helsa. Now, ask yourself why."

Sound confusing? Yes, it is a crazy, mixed-up story, and the outcome will become apparent in a matter of days. The Columbian Players will present "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" October 17, 18 and 19 in the Saint Joseph's College auditorium at 8:00 p.m. This production will be free to all Saint Joseph's students, staff and faculty. Ticket prices for all others will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The play, written by John Bishop, is a comedy farce with a lot of slapstick funniness. The characters range from a extremely rich airhead homeowner to a Gestapo agent posing as an Irish tenor and an Italian New

York policeman. Somewhere in an old house, filled with secret passages and show people, there is a stage door slasher running loose. Who is the slasher and is this the only person committing murders in the house? The answers are surprising.

The 11 Saint Joe students who make up the cast are: Jon Nichols, B. J. Sell, Jen Vargo, Amara Purcell, Kendra Latta, Sara Burman, Patrick Schuttrow, Dale Donaldson, Ted Novak, Pam Hounson and Ange Boos. Most of these actors are veterans of the stage and the Columbian Players, but a few will be making their SJC stage debut. All have worked hard.

Director John Rhae seems pleased with the rehearsals. When asked for a quote about the play, he merely said, "It's a good play, and if you are looking for something to do with your parents, bring them along for some inexpensive entertainment."

Opening night is Thursday at 8:00 p.m.



Lynn Allyn Young

Eddie (Dale Donaldson) and Nikki (Sara Burman) look in disbelief at Patrick O'Reilly (Patrick Schuttrow), who has been stabbed through a book in the back.



Dear Jane,

Ever since I have been in college my world seems to be turning upside down. My biggest problem is time management. What can I do?

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Dear DISTRESSED,

We all have this problem when we go to college. However, it can be overcome.

Talk to upperclasspeople and see what they have done to manage their time. If you are neglecting your studies because you would rather go to a party, reevaluate your priorities. Remember why you are here and the money that is being spent. Keep in mind what kind of life you want to have and work toward that dream. Set goals for yourself — not goals that are unattainable, but goals that you know you are capable of accomplishing. Set time aside to do your homework and do it faithfully at that time. Take breaks while you are doing homework and try to make what you are learning come alive!

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they always know what they're doing. It's myself that I'm always wondering about.

"Ten minutes," John tells us. Here goes.

I feel something lightly hit my head. Looking down, I see that it was the rubber stage knife that we use. Someone threw it at me. Sell is over in the corner, laughing. Looks like he's found a way to break the tension. Wish I could do the same.

The first few minutes before showtime are always the worst. I always tell people that I don't get nervous before I go on stage. I always lie.

So you wanna be an actor?: Backstage at an SJC production

by Jon Nichols

It's too hot. It always is. I've got some old-looking suitcoat on and someone's decided to crank up the heat in the auditorium.

Tonight's the night. A month and a half of hard work is all going to come to a head tonight. It may just be a play for Saint Joseph's College, but it's something that my fellow cast members and I take seriously.

Take Dale Donaldson. I look over at him and see that he's pacing in front of the couch, his third cigarette of the night dangling from his mouth.

"I'm scared out of my pants!" he finally admits. "How am I supposed to do those stunts? If I mess up, two people could be seriously hurt! I mean, you saw what I did to Jen in practice!"

Hmm. He has a point. Dale mistakenly nailed Jen Vargo in the arm with a wine bottle while rehearsing a combat scene. Vargo was awarded the only Purple Heart ever given out by the Columbian Players.

No disrespect to Jen, but my thoughts are otherwise preoccupied.

"God, I hope some people show up tonight," I say aloud. I say that before every show.

BJ Sell must have heard me. He laughs knowingly. But for some of the cast, this is their first time on stage at Saint Joe. I've been wondering how they are dealing with the opening night jitters.

"It was tough balancing practice with my studies," Jen Vargo said. Not only was Jen busy with studies and the play, she also had the extra burden of soccer practice and was an RA too. This certainly wasn't easy. "I'm just happy to have a part," newcomer Ange Boos told me. "It's been a lot of fun working with this cast."

Ange's experience is in contrast to Patrick Schuttrow's, however. Patrick is the only freshman in the cast. Add to that the fact that he lives at home and you begin to see what it was like for him. "Yeah, it was hard to get to know new people," he told me.

Director John Rahe has just walked backstage, wearing his usual headset and microphone.

This keeps him in touch with the stage manager, light and sound crew, and everybody else who makes things happen backstage. When I think about all the work they do — putting up the set, tearing it down, fixing it when things go wrong — I think that they're the real stars of the show.

"How many people do we have out there tonight, John?" BJ asks him.

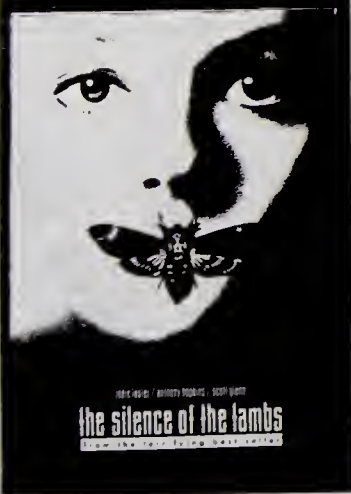
"Not too big of a crowd right now. But they look like laughers," he says. What the heck is that supposed to mean?

Ted Novak walks down from the scene shop. All his make-up has been done. He lies on the couch with his take-out from McDonalds. Looks better than the stirfry we had in the cafeteria. I walk over to see how Ted is feeling about the opening night.

"Shut up and let me go to sleep," he says. "I don't go on for another act."

Amara Purcell blows me off, too. I can't blame them. We're getting close to show time. Big stage veterans like Kendra Latta and Sara Burman don't seem to be having any problems. No,

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